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Nominations now being accepted for the 2009 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards

Richmond, Va. – Nominations are now being accepted for the 2009 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards. Honors will be presented in several categories, including youth, senior, faith-based organization, non-profit organization, emergency preparedness and disaster recovery, business, individual volunteer and national service.

The awards recognize the outstanding efforts of Virginia's volunteers. Nominations are open to businesses, groups, individuals and families who exemplify extraordinary volunteerism and community service.

"Each year, the Commonwealth recognizes those who have demonstrated a commitment to serving their communities. These individuals and organizations are among the 1.7 million Virginians who made a difference in the lives of others by volunteering last year," said Governor Timothy M. Kaine. Virginians average more than 233 million volunteer hours annually, equaling more than \$4 billion of service to the state.

This year's winners will be honored during an April awards ceremony in Richmond. For more information or to nominate a person or group, visit www.vaservice.org, call (804) 726-7065, 1-800-638-3839 or e-mail info@vaservice.org. The nomination period ends at 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 2.

Nomination forms can be submitted [online](#) or downloaded and mailed to the Virginia Department of Social Services, Office on Volunteerism and Community Service, 7 North 8th Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

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